

# California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## NOTICES & REPORTS

### Council Meeting Minutes

*Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 414th Meeting of the Council, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, August 28, 1955.*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lum in the Regency Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, August 28, 1955.

#### Roll Call:

Present were President Shipman, President-elect Charnock, Speaker Doyle, Vice-Speaker Foster, Secretary Daniels and Councilors Lum, Heron, West, Wheeler, Loos, Wadsworth, Pearman, McPharlin, Bostick, Teall, Kirchner, Varden, Carey and Rosenow.

A quorum present and acting.

Absent for cause, Editor Wilbur and Councilors Sherman and Reynolds.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Clancy, Thomas and Gillette of C.M.A. staff, legal counsel Hassard, Doctors Francis Hodges and William Gardenier of California Physicians' Service, Doctors Dan O. Kilroy, Joseph F. Sadusk, Jr., and Malcolm Merrill, Messrs. Ben H. Read and Eugene Salisbury of the Public Health League of California and county society executive secretaries or employees William Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Jerry L. Pettis of Los Angeles, Robert Marvin of Riverside, George W. Foster of Sacramento, Olive Neick of San Francisco, Boyd Thompson of San Joaquin, Joseph Donovan of Santa Clara and Thomas DeVere of Stanislaus.

#### 1. Minutes for Approval:

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 412th meeting of the Council, held April 30-May 4, 1955, were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 413th meeting of the Council, held May 4, 1955, were approved.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, min-

utes of the 250th meeting of the Executive Committee, held May 4, 1955, were approved.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 251st meeting of the Executive Committee, held July 20, 1955, were approved.

#### 2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of August 25, 1955, was received and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, 69 members whose 1955 dues had been received since July 20, 1955, were voted reinstatement.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, Doctor Cyril T. Callister of Alameda-Contra Costa was elected to Associate Membership.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, three applicants were granted reductions of dues because of illness.

#### 3. Financial:

A report of bank balances and supplementary information as of August 25, 1955, was received and ordered filed.

#### 4. Medical Review and Advisory Board:

Doctor Joseph F. Sadusk, Jr., chairman of the Medical Review Advisory Board, presented a progress report from his committee, including a set of suggested principles to apply in the underwriting

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of professional liability insurance. After discussion and following several questions, on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this report.

#### 5. *Los Angeles Medical Convention:*

Doctor Paul A. Foster discussed the Los Angeles Medical Convention, which is scheduled for January 3 to 5, 1955. He pointed out that the medical and public aspects of this meeting had been separated and the public portions of the meeting scheduled for a more extended period following the three-day medical convention. Exhibits are to be screened through a review committee and a committee on arrangements. In response to a question, Doctor Foster stated that the scientific portion of the program was probably being scheduled as a one-time meeting only, not an annual event.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to extend to the Los Angeles County Medical Association the best wishes of the Council for a successful meeting.

#### 6. *Professional Disability Insurance:*

Doctor Arthur A. Kirchner, chairman of the committee on Accident and Health Insurance, reported that difficulties which had arisen in the handling of claims for members suffering disabilities would apparently be eliminated in the establishment on September 1 of a claims office in Los Angeles to handle the California program. The underwriting insurance carrier has paid out more than \$600,000 in claims, he said, and is now planning a third type of contract, under which the physician may elect a six-months waiting period before the payment of benefits and secure coverage at an annual premium of \$138. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the use of the Association letterhead for a letter to announce this new coverage. The letter would be signed by the members of the committee.

#### 7. *State Department of Public Health:*

(a) Doctor Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health, outlined the program drawn up by his department, in conjunction with a medical advisory board, for the distribution of poliomyelitis vaccine. While the vaccine is still in short supply, and while federal funds will be available for the purchase of certain quantities, a portion of the supply available to this state will be purchased by public agencies and the balance allowed to enter normal commercial channels. A system of reporting vaccine used, both by individual cases and in the form of a weekly report, has been developed and physicians will be asked to follow the uniform reporting procedure.

Doctor Edward B. Shaw, chairman of the medical advisory board, and Doctor Francis E. West, chairman of the Association's Commission on Public Health and Public Agencies, also urged that the program developed by the State Department of Public Health be approved and that the Association encourage its members to cooperate in the vaccine distribution and reporting program.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the plan of vaccine distribution outlined by Doctor Merrill.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to encourage members of the Association to cooperate in the distribution and reporting program by furnishing them with a summary of the plan.

(b) In response to a question, Doctor Merrill outlined the system used for allocating federal funds for aid in hospital construction. He pointed out that priorities for available funds are set according to the needs of specified areas and that one area might occupy a higher priority position one year than the next, in accordance with changes in conditions in other areas. Doctor Merrill pointed out that more than \$100,000,000 in applications are now on file and that the funds available are about \$5,000,000 per year at this time.

#### 8. *California Physicians' Service:*

Doctor Francis T. Hodges, president of California Physicians' Service, reported that as of July 31, 1955, C.P.S. had 726,491 beneficiary members. He also reported that C.P.S. is working with other Blue Shield plans for the development of national enrollment plans which could cover nationwide groups of employees.

On the \$6,000 C.P.S. income ceiling, Doctor Hodges pointed out that 32 of the 49 counties in northern California had approved the new ceiling but that only Ventura, Orange and San Bernardino Counties, among the nine southern counties, had done so. In the northern area, he said, 59 new groups, numbering more than 8,000 members, have been enrolled under the new income ceiling.

Doctor Hodges reported that a new family contract plan has been developed for individual enrollments and that experience under this plan has been good. A new contract, covering the year ending June 30, 1956, has been signed with the Veterans' Administration, he said. Doctor Hodges also discussed the consideration of plans to provide care for indigents and for school students.

#### 9. *Committee on Legislation:*

Doctor Dan O. Kilroy, chairman of the Committee on Legislation, reported on the accomplishments of the recent legislative session. Messrs. Ben H. Read and Eugene Salisbury of the Public Health League of California, supplemented the report.

#### 10. *Public Relations:*

Mr. Ed Clancy, director of public relations, discussed a pamphlet which has been sent to all members, offering supplies of pamphlets designed to improve physician-patient relationships. Discussion was also held on a pamphlet produced for a medical school alumni organization.

#### 11. *Rollen Waterson Associates:*

Mr. Rollen Waterson discussed the importance of the \$6,000 income ceiling and the new individual contracts of California Physicians' Service in maintaining high standards of prepaid medical care insurance.

#### 12. *Commission on Medical Services:*

(a) Doctor Hollis L. Carey, chairman of the Commission on Medical Services, reported that the relative value study undertaken by a subcommittee headed by Doctor Francis J. Cox had been brought to a point where consultation with various other groups of physicians was indicated. He asked authority to present this study to such groups for their criticisms and suggestions; on motion duly made and seconded, such authority was granted.

(b) Doctor Carey also reported that the uniform insurance claims forms would be forwarded to all members of the Association in the very near future and that copies of these forms would be immediately available to all members.

(c) Doctor Carey reviewed the indigent care program undertaken in Butte County several years ago, pointing out that in three years the patients under the care of their own physicians had been treated at a cost almost identical with what the cost had previously been to the county authorities but that, during this time, care of these patients by private physicians had resulted in the saving of 2,200 hospital days; on a cost estimate of \$20 per day, these savings to the county totaled \$44,000.

#### 13. *California Medicine:*

(a) Mr. Hunton suggested that the annual reports from county societies which have previously been run in the journal be eliminated and the district councilors be asked to include in their reports the important events in county societies in their districts. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to follow this procedure.

(b) Mr. Hunton also suggested that the verbatim transcript of the House of Delegates proceedings be dispensed with and a summary of proceedings be substituted; the complete transcript would be available in the Association office. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to include this recommendation to the House of Delegates in the report of the Council.

(c) A request from the Nevada State Medical Association for the appearance of a monthly page of announcements in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE was considered and, on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Executive Committee.

#### 14. *Cancer Commission:*

(a) Doctor Daniels presented a pamphlet of the revised rules of the Cancer Commission for the operation of tumor boards. On motion duly made and seconded, these rules were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, the Cancer Commission was authorized to execute a contract setting forth the terms of employment for the medical director.

#### 15. *Meeting Dates Conflict:*

Doctor Charnock reported that the change in meeting plans for the 1956 Annual Session had created a conflict with the Western Section of the American Urological Association. He suggested that the Section on Urology plan a token meeting on April 28, 1956, to be adjourned to the other meeting and that section officers be continued in office for another year. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to follow this procedure and to authorize the mailing of a letter to the urological members, outlining the plan.

#### 16. *House of Delegates Resolutions:*

(a) Two resolutions referred to the Council by the House of Delegates, introduced by Doctor Herbert C. Moffitt, Jr., of San Francisco were discussed, one relating to the opening of exhibits to the public and the other to teaching material. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to invite Doctor Moffitt to appear before the next meeting of the Council to discuss these resolutions.

(b) A resolution by Doctor Edward C. Rosenow, Jr., referring to postgraduate medical teaching and referred to the Council by the House of Delegates, was discussed. On motion duly made and seconded it was voted to refer this resolution to the Committee on Postgraduate Education for continuing study.

#### 17. *County Fair Exhibits:*

Doctor McPharlin presented a request from the Santa Clara County Medical Society for creation of a public relations exhibit which could be made available to county societies for showing at local county fairs. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this request to the public relations department for consideration and report.

#### 18. *Conference on Physicians and Schools:*

Doctor Daniels requested authority for Mr. Thomas and himself to attend a Chicago meeting

planned by the American Medical Association on conferences on physicians and schools. On motion duly made and seconded, such authority was voted.

#### 19. *United Crusade Request:*

Doctor Shipman presented a request from the United Crusade of San Francisco for Association approval of its fund-raising campaign. Doctor Shipman had replied to the effect that he believed this to be a local matter not subject to consideration by a statewide organization. On motion duly made and seconded, this response was approved.

#### 20. *Annual Session Meeting Places:*

Discussion was held on the places for coming annual sessions. On motion duly made, seconded and amended, it was voted that the Council's policy should be to hold two Annual Sessions in southern California and one in the northern area. In accordance with this decision, the 1956 and 1957 meetings will be planned for Los Angeles and the 1958 meeting for San Francisco.

#### 21. *Death of Councilor Randel:*

Chairman Lum suggested that the Delegates from the Sixth Councilor District be requested to hold a caucus to select a successor for the vacancy caused by the August 19th death of Doctor Henry A. Randel of Fresno. The Council approved this suggestion and authorized the president and the council chairman to select successors to the several committee posts occupied by Doctor Randel.

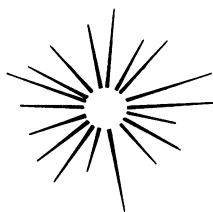
The secretary was requested to prepare a suitable resolution of sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Randel in behalf of the Council.

#### *Adjournment:*

The Council, having paid a silent tribute to Henry A. Randel, was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. out of respect to his memory.

DONALD D. LUM, M.D., *Chairman*

ALBERT C. DANIELS, M.D., *Secretary*



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IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO  
YOUR CIVIL DEFENSE  
ASSIGNMENT

IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE,  
REPORT TO THE NEAREST  
MEDICAL INSTALLATION

#### WITHOUT WARNING

TAKE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE  
COVER. DO NOT LOOK AT THE  
BRILLIANT FLASH. IF IN CAR  
AND NO SHELTER AVAILABLE,  
STOP AT CURB, CLOSE ALL  
WINDOWS, TURN CAR RADIO ON,  
LIE ON FLOOR OF CAR.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CARRY  
OUT CIVIL DEFENSE ASSIGN-  
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